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PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE BRIEF

SUBJECT : Reported Atomic Plant NO. : PIC/B-1018/59  
LOCATION : Sian (Hsi-an), Shensi Province, DATE : 17 December 59  
China. LAT. : 34° 17' N  
WAC NUMBER: 384 LONG.: 109° 01' E  
REFERENCES:  
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REQUIREMENT SI/R-25/59: Determine whether a fenced factory in the eastern suburbs of Sian is concerned with some aspect of nuclear energy.

REMARKS: An analysis of the photography has failed to reveal an association with nuclear energy at the fenced factory site in the eastern suburbs of Sian just north of Han-hsin-chung. Although the fenced site contains a few fabrication or assembly-type buildings, the most prominent structure is a large "E"-shaped administration building. Hedges parallel the fence on all sides of the site except the front (east side). The large "E"-shaped building is probably the main administrative headquarters for a large industrial complex which extends over approximately three square nautical miles and includes a housing area and six additional fenced industries. Each of these industries has several large fabrication and assembly-type buildings within its own fenced area.

There is no photographic evidence at any of these fenced sites to substantiate the report of an atomic plant for producing "atomic generating units"

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specific location in Sian, or a report which labels the probable administrative headquarters as the "Hsi-an Atomic Research Institute" and the six associated industries as the "Hsi-an Atomic Power Generator Manufacturing Industry." 3/ Two other reports, however, state that factories and living quarters were under construction in 1956 at the specific locations of these fenced sites. 4/ 5/ They were reportedly under the Second Ministry of the Machine Building Industry, which was at that time responsible for military production. The fabrication and assembly-type buildings in this complex are of the type that could be expected for various Machine Building Industry plants.

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